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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Please enter and consider the enclosed Amendment. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

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